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Traffic was briefly blocked on northbound Main Street Wednesday morning as the T. Rex that had watched city hall from outside the Manitoba Museum since October was lifted out of its perch. The T. Rex was brought in to help promote the Dinosaurs Unearthed exhibit that saw more than 80,000 visitors since it opened Oct. 6. The T. Rex is now headed to its next engagement in Wichita, Kansas.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Arrests made in Canad Inns Stadium arson

Blue, Gold and burnt.

Teens charged had no previous police records

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As work gets underway to demolish Canad Inns Stadium this week, police have arrested five teens in connection to the arson earlier this month at the former home of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

The fire that broke out in a shed at Canad Inns Stadium April 2 sent black plumes of smoke over the city and caused an estimated $300,000 damage to the structure and contents.

Police spokesperson Det. Sgt. Natalie Aitken said Wednesday it was fortunate no one was injured in the fire, especially considering the large crowd of onlookers who came to watch firefighters battle the blaze.

Police have arrested five teens in connection to the April 2 arson at Canad Inns Stadium. METRO FILE

"Because of the building it was… it holds a place in people's hearts and surely that brought more people out than would have typically attended," she said, noting fire crews had to push onlookers back because of concerns over whether any combustibles had been stored in the shed. "The situation could have been much worse."

After an investigation by the Arson Strike Force, two 16-year-old males, two 17-year-old males and a 16-year-old female have each been charged with one count of arson.

Aitken said no other arrests are expected.

The youths have been released on a promise to appear in court.

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Grocery stores. City divided on issue

Winnipeg city council voted Wednesday to have arms-length agency CentreVenture look into what can be done to help entice grocery stores into the city's downtown, despite protests of some councillors who feel the city should be involved directly.

"We have a duty to make sure that our residents are able to take care of their basic needs. It's not the fault of any government, but we need to take responsibility," said Coun. Ross Eadie (Mynarski), who had originally proposed a motion to have the city tackle the dearth of downtown grocery stores.

"I take issue with anyone who tries to pass this off as not being a city interest. If we can provide incentives for football stadiums, for hockey arenas ... I don't understand why we can't have a plan to make sure the basic needs of these people are taken care of."

Eadie and Coun. Jenny Gerbasi (Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry) agreed the city should have direct involvement in the issue, rather than passing it off to CentreVenture — a move they suspect will eventually result in the city ignoring the problem.

Gerbasi and Eadie's concerns were dismissed by both Mayor Sam Katz and Coun. Justin Swandel (St. Norbert).

"We know what's needed, we know that CentreVenture — which moves a lot quicker than council can — is working on the project, so why anybody would want to be redundant and work on this twice is beyond me, other than trying to make points for something I don't get," said Katz.

JOHN TOWNS/FOR METRO

Chakras inspire Dancers' show

Sasha Ivanochko CONTRIBUTED

For the final show of its 2012-13 season, Winnipeg's Contemporary Dancers presents two new works by Montreal choreographer/performer Sasha Ivanochko.

Speak, Love features Ivanochko with Brendan Wyatt, a former WCD company dancer. Ivanochko says the piece uses text and costuming to "act as a metaphor for the difficulties in taking our concepts of love and translating it into action and words."

For the second piece — a yet to be named work created for WCD company dancers — Ivanochko was inspired by the chakras, which are the centres of life force in Hindu metaphysical tradition.

"With each dancer we focused on a certain area of the body and really investigated that area for its movement implications," says Ivanochko, 42, artistic director of blackandblue dance projects.

"I don't work solely for patterns, form and musicality, which are things people most often identify with dance. I'm much more interested in seeing people onstage working through things, translating ideas of the interior externally."

WCD presents Ivanochko's new works Thursday through Sunday at The Rachel Browne Theatre. Tickets are $25.

JARED STORY/FOR METRO

Manitoba budget a 'shell game': Mayor

Tough talk. Katz urges Winnipeggers to call out province for not allotting enough cash to fix city streets

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Mayor Sam Katz blasted the 2013 provincial budget as little more than a "shell game" on Wednesday, saying the $7 million promised for infrastructure work will be offset by clawbacks in other areas.

"About $6.7 million that we used to get in revenue from property taxes they're taking away and calling it a grant. About $2.1 million that is coming from the federal government as part of a policing commitment, they're calling a grant. We will be paying about another $1.4 million in PST above and beyond what we've already been paying," he said.

"It's all a shell game — let's just call it what it is."

According to Katz, the city will now be left to address crumbling infrastructure with little to no additional revenue, while the province takes the lion's share of the windfall generated from the 2013 budget's tax hikes.

"After asking for many, many years for one per cent of the existing PST, the provincial government has taken the increase and they're using 100 per cent of it to address their own issues," Katz said. "And the majority of these issues are the everyday role of the provincial government — there is very little money going to infrastructure."

Does it make cents?

According to the mayor's office, the City of Winnipeg currently only receives eight cents for every dollar of tax revenue collected in Winnipeg, while the federal government gets 27 cents and the province takes about 65 cents to the bank.

Mayor Sam Katz JOHN TOWNS/FOR METRO

Chiheb Esseghaier, one of two men accused of plotting a terror attack on a VIA Rail target, is led off a plane at Toronto's Buttonville Airport. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

VIA Rail accused met with al-Qaida rep, sources say

Court outburst. Criminal Code 'is not a holy book,' says the man arrested in alleged plot to hit passenger train

The Montreal suspect accused of plotting a terror attack on a passenger train allegedly met with an al-Qaida operative before coming to Canada in the summer of 2008, sources say.

And this put him on the radar of security officials here, say the sources, who have knowledge of the investigation into the alleged VIA Rail plot.

Tunisian-born Chiheb Esseghaier has been under surveillance for a year, and police became increasingly concerned after what was seen as erratic conduct aboard an airliner en route to Mexico last spring.

However, it was a recent change in behaviour that triggered police to arrest him at a McDonald's in Montreal's Central Station — not political expediency or the Boston bombing, sources said.

His co-accused, Raed Jaser, was arrested at his North York workplace on Monday.

In a Toronto court Wednesday, Esseghaier asked to speak, saying, "We know that this Criminal Code is not a holy book."

"It's just written by set of creations and the creations they're not perfect because only the creator is perfect," he added.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

New powers

Vote stirs fears over liberties

MPs have voted to give Canadian officials "exceptional" powers to probe potential terrorist acts — powers that critics say trample on civil liberties.

Legislation passed Wednesday will enable preventive arrests — holding people three days without charge.

And it opens the door to hearings where people can be compelled to testify under threat of detention.

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‘Peg author wins top prize at C4

Lit Fest. Melinda Friesen has written 7 youth novels since starting out 3 years ago

An aspiring Winnipeg author got a writer’s dream weekend last Saturday and Sunday after her short story earned top prize in C4 Lit Fest’s Short Story Contest.

Melinda Friesen’s haunting tale, The Haggard Man, earned her a weekend pass to C4 Lit Fest, a bevy of signed books, and dinner with New York Times bestselling author Kelley Armstrong.

“Being a person starting out with writing it was really exciting to get to pick her brain,” said Friesen.

Below is an excerpt of Friesen’s submission. METRO

Melinda Friesen METRO

Crouching in the space between the wall and her bed, I wait for Sarah to fall asleep and begin to dream. That’s when she’s free to roam in my realm — when we are the same. Thought. Spirit. Will. Darkness and energy knit into a seamless garment.

She closes her book, drops it on the floor, and untangles the elastic from her ponytail. With a turn of the lamp switch, the room goes dark. Sarah tugs her white chenille bedspread over her body and rolls onto her side. Closing her eyes, she releases a heavy sigh.

She left the window shade open a hands width. White paint bubbles and peels from the sill, some already flaked off to reveal the grey rotting wood beneath. I peer down at the yard below through the dappled haze of grime stuck to the second story window. The hundred and twenty year old house sits at the center of an island of lush emerald lawn and buttery daffodils that floats in a sea of ripening corn stalks.

I overheard Sarah’s father, his voice infused with excitement, talking about the bumper crop and his expected profit. A magazine lies on the coffee table, open to an advertisement for the latest John Deere tractor. If only he knew the price of his profit, he would have yanked the corn out of the ground the moment it sprouted.

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Woman must remove niqab, judge says

Sexual assault trial. Ontario judge says woman's covered face could hinder her credibility

An Ontario judge has ruled that a woman must remove her face-covering veil to testify against the men she is accusing of sexual assault.

The judge says the woman's niqab "masks her demeanour and blocks both effective cross-examination by counsel for the accused and assessment of her credibility by the trier of fact."

The 37-year-old woman, known only as N.S., alleges two men sexually assaulted her over five years, starting when she was six years old.

The question of whether she should be allowed to testify while wearing her niqab went to the Supreme Court, which issued a split decision but set out a test for judges to decide in individual cases.

The case is now back in provincial court, and Judge Norris Weisman ruled the woman must remove her veil to testify.

Weisman noted that he had to balance her religious freedom with the accused men's right to a fair trial, but in the end he was concerned that her face covering would hinder assessment of her credibility, possibly resulting in wrongful convictions.

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An Ontario judge says a woman's niqab "masks her demeanour and blocks both effective cross-examination by counsel for the accused and assessment of her credibility by the trier of fact." GETTY IMAGES FILE

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'House of horrors'

Despite reprieve, death penalty may still loom for abortion doctor

An abortion provider in West Philadelphia charged with killing babies after they were born alive won a reprieve when a judge threw out three murder counts, but the death penalty still looms if he is convicted in four other newborn deaths.

Dr. Kermit Gosnell has been in prison since a 2011 grand jury report that described his outdated West Philadelphia clinic as "a house of horrors."

Dr. Kermit Gosnell
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Judge Jeffrey Minehart had ruled Tuesday that prosecutors over the past month failed to make a case on three of the seven first-degree murder counts.

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Rehtaeh Parsons. PM, justice minister pushing tough cyberbullying laws

A crime is a crime, regardless of whether it happens on the Internet, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Wednesday as his government promised to expedite efforts to create a new law against cyberbullying.

Harper's comments followed his meeting Tuesday with the parents of Rehtaeh Parsons, the Nova Scotia teenager who took her own life earlier this month. Parsons' parents want federal laws beefed up so more can be done to combat cybercrime.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson, meanwhile, pushed his provincial and territorial counterparts Wednesday to speed up efforts to create a law that would curb cyberbullying. Those ministers gave him the go-ahead, Nicholson said.

"Today, when I met with my counterparts, I recommended that we expedite the review of our laws by June and I was pleased to receive unanimous support," Nicholson said in an emailed statement.

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Minister of Justice Rob Nicholson speaks to reporters in Ottawa on Tuesday as he is joined by Leah Parsons, mother of Rehtaeh Parsons, second from right, and her partner, Jason Barnes, as well as Rehtaeh's father Glen Canning, second from left, and his wife, Krista. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The smart(phone) way to cash cheques arrives in Canada

Banking. To make a mobile deposit, just snap a couple of pics

The technology has been around for a few years in the U.S., but Canadian consumers are finally getting access to a mobile tool to cash their cheques by taking a photo with their smartphone.

This week, the Westminster Savings credit union in B.C. began accepting cheque deposits with its mobile app. Meridian in Ontario and Affinity Credit Union in Saskatchewan are set to follow suit next month. "Anything that we can imagine we can do in the branch or online our members are looking to do eventually on our phones," said Meridian's senior vice president and chief information officer Gary Genik.

"One of the last things left for members to drive them into the branch ... is to actually deposit and get access to cash. This provides the ability to deposit a cheque from the comfort of their own home, office, cottage — wherever they happen to be."

The technology is simple. Users just need to take photos of the front and back of a cheque to cash it within the app. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"You get home from work (and) the last thing you really want to do is go back out to a branch to deposit a cheque."

Gary Genik, Meridian's senior vice president and chief information officer

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Driller's delight. Gas workers bring creole cuisine with them

Geologist Steve Clark eats jambalaya on a natural gas drilling site near Montoursville, Pa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The land of scrapple and chipped ham is starting to get a taste for jambalaya and boudin.

Thanks to an influx of Southerners filling jobs in north-central Pennsylvania's booming natural gas industry, a region not often placed on many culinary maps is finding itself flush with the foodways found below the Mason-Dixon line, arguably the source of some of the U.S.'s richest culinary traditions.

Suddenly, convenience stores stock sweet tea, barbecue is a hot seller, and the almost Norman Rockwell-quaint Country Store in Pennsdale, Pa. even makes its own boudin, a pork sausage popular in Louisiana. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Personal finance

Canadians paying off debt faster

Fewer Canadians are letting their debt repayments lapse for more than three months compared with a year ago, according to a report by Equifax Canada.

The study found that the percentage of unpaid non-mortgage debt classified as going into 90-day delinquency was a moderate 1.2 per cent in the first quarter of this year, a slight increase from 1.19 per cent in the fourth quarter.

But Nadim Abdo, Equifax's vice-president of consulting solutions, says this rate was markedly lower compared with 1.39 per cent in the first quarter of 2012.

In the past, Equifax studies have shown that consumers tend to take out more loans and do not pay them back as quickly, during a volatile economy or periods of high unemployment.

"There seems to be more financial control by the consumers and by the banking and financial institutions," said Abdo. "This is a very positive story. It shows a lot of financial control. People are not kind of going crazy spending when they shouldn't be spending." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Barrick under fire on all fronts

Protesters display an effigy of Barrick Gold Corp.'s chairman and founder Peter Munk outside Toronto's Metro Convention Centre Wednesday as the mining company held its annual meeting. While the protesters focused on environmental issues and corporate responsibility, shareholders expressed their disapproval by voting against an executive pay resolution. Barrick had come under fire for an $11.9-million signing bonus paid to co-chairman John Thornton that was part of a $17-million payment package he received last year. The company has also been hit hard by falling gold prices, and work on its Pascua-Lama mine — which straddles the border of Chile and Argentina — was suspended by a Chilean appeals court amid environmental concerns about the construction of the world's highest-altitude gold and silver mine. "This has been a tough year for Barrick and our shareholders. It seems as if our company has been under siege by several disappointments and setbacks," CEO Jamie Sokalsky told the meeting. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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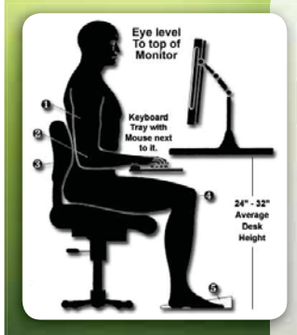

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HE SAYS

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If there are two topics that all Canadians love, they are taxes and history. As the tax deadline approaches, I thought it important to look back at how Canadians came to be the happy, taxpaying nation that we are today.

Strap yourself in. It's a wild ride.

Time is Money: A History of Canadian Taxes

1500s: Native groups collect percentages of food from passing European explorers. The Europeans are angry at first, but they are also early Canadians: They calm down when they learn that low-income explorers can reclaim a percentage of their cornmeal at the end of each fiscal year by attaching schedule C of form 1256 to their tax form and checking the box "voyageurs, door-to-door salesmen and other itinerant workers."

1652: Louis XIV of France imposes a 10 per cent tax on moose pelts in his colony. At the time, this was considered a sin tax. You don't want to know.

1751: Nova Scotia begins charging duties on billiard tables. Furious Nova Scotians, disguised as aboriginals, raid three ships in Halifax Harbour and try to throw hundreds of billiard tables into the sea, but only manage to throw out their backs. They're angry at first, but also Canadian: They decide to get blind drunk instead, kicking off a tradition still observed by Haligonians to this day.

1867: Canada (now better known as The Harper Government) is created, forcing the need for tax-funded flags, calendars, and pencils with flags on them. The federal government is given the high-cost items of the time, such as railway buildings and finding the best performers for the big Canada Day bash. Canadians are angry at first, but they're Canadian: They calm down when they see that the feds scored Franz Liszt for the Parliament Hill concert.

1884: The federal government places a vice tax on snuff. In an attempt to counter the obvious moral issues, the government labels each snuff tin with a 1-88-SNUFF-OUT number and a message asking, "Snuffed Enuff?"

1917: Prime Minister Robert Borden introduces the Income War Tax Act, saying that shortly after the war "the measure should be definitely reviewed." The official Hansard transcript adds that the prime minister gave big knowing winks throughout his comments before giving a running high-five to everyone in the front row of the House of Commons.

1927: The Department of National Revenue is created. To keep taxes down, the government promises the new department will be a low-cost affair with only one person to answer the phone for the whole country, an edict that is still in place.

1960s: The government begins using computers to collect tax information, guaranteeing that employees who had previously found the deluge of tax returns unmanageable could now sooth their nerves with games of Solitaire and Minesweeper.

1993: The Liberals break an election promise to eliminate the GST. After years of being calmly Canadian, taxpayers have finally had enough and punish the Liberals by tossing them from office 13 years later.

And that's a look at Canadian tax history. If it ever angers you, arm yourself with knowledge. Once you've read about important moments like Lawson v. Interior Tree Fruit and Vegetables Committee of Direction (that's real, I swear), you'll be calm again. If not comatose.

ZOOM

Domo arigato, Mr. Roboto

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You've got to hand it to him

Patrick Kane, 16, who lost his left hand as a baby, has become the first person in Britain to be fitted with a prosthetic hand that is so advanced it can be operated by a smartphone. METRO

He's 'app-y'

- Using a mobile phone application, the user can choose between 24 different pre-set grip patterns.
- When the user wants to use it manually, electrodes in the wrist pick up electrical impulses created by contracting muscles. Electrodes then transmit commands to a tiny computer implanted in the artificial hand. The computer then moves it into the desired position.

Let's shake on it

"When I'm meeting new people, it's a great conversation starter."

Patrick Kane

Clickbait

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While most www bots have a sole purpose to irritate anyone in their automated paths, some have surfaced with no other goal than to bring sheer delight to those caught in their webs. Give any of these a follow for some 9-5 hilarity.

@RedScareBot:
Nominated for a social media Shorty Award, Robot J. McCarthy retweets (with added snark) anything with a seemingly Communist bent. Examples that have gotten the red flag? "Chris Rock is my favorite communist because he's the funniest communist." Joe would be so proud.

@Procrastibot:
For those who need a little nudge getting off Twitter, Procrastibot sends a gentle reminder to "GET BACK TO WORK" at key lazy points in the day.

@pimentocheese:
Pimento cheese retweets all mentions of this Southern delight.

Comments

RE: Justin Trudeau Video Pitches End To Attack Ads, published April 24

I still know nothing about his platform, policies or ideas for running the country ... How about some substance, Justin? I'm not going to vote for you just because "Harper needs to go." Give me some reasons other than your nice hair and boyish smile.
Scott Ox posted to metronews.ca

His father handed Canada over to Quebec and is one of the most hated Canadians of our generation (all federal jobs requiring first language French, endless supplies of tax dollars being dumped into Quebec with equalization payments, etc). Justin is only there because of his name but I don't think he hates English Canadians as much as his family. It's going to be a tough mix as he already has the guaranteed ... French vote and has the acting training to boot to sway English Canadians. Should be a fun ride.
Crease posted to metronews.ca

Brilliant reply! When the Tory ads started immediately after Justin's victory, all I could think was "they must be really scared if they feel they need to bash him already, and he has(n't) even done anything."
DaleWale posted to metronews.ca

Now this is a really prime example of taking the high road. I'd like to hear more about his political platform, though, so Justin Trudeau definitely has my attention.
Jay posted to metronews.ca

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Madison Square Garden or bust

Seattle's Ivan & Alyosha got their name from Dostoevsky's novel The Brothers Karamazov. KYLE DEAN REINFORD

Ivan & Alyosha. Seattle band being heralded as ones to watch

BACKSTAGE PASS
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Ivan & Alyosha recorded its debut full-length album among some good company.

All The Times We Had — released in February through Dine Alone Records and Dualtone Music Group — was laid down at Avast! Recording Co. in the band's hometown of Seattle.

"We did this trial run with an engineer friend of ours named Chad Copelin and when we were there recording, Train was in the other room," Tim Wilson says, who handles lead vocals and acoustic guitar in the folk-pop four-piece.

"Then the next time we came through to finish the record, The Walkmen were in studio A with Phil Ek. He did the Fleet Foxes' records. The Shins did Chutes Too Narrow there. Death Cab for Cutie did Transatlanticism there.

"It's a very famous and very comfortable place. The owner is rad and it kind of feels like a 1970s grandma house, you know, old but clean."

Ivan & Alyosha — which also includes Ryan Carbary, Tim Kim and Pete Wilson (Tim's brother) — previously released three EPs: 2009's The Verse, The Chorus, 2011's Fathers Be Kind and 2012's The Cabin Sessions.

The band has been heralded by National Public Radio, Paste Magazine and Esquire, the latter naming Ivan & Alyosha one of its "15 Bands to Watch in 2013."

In addition to critical acclaim, Ivan & Alyosha has earned the respect of its peers. In fact, the album's title track features guest vocals from Aimee Mann, who the band has toured with a couple of times.

"Part of what's kept us going over the last few years is being on the road with musicians like Aimee, people who are in a place where we want to be, telling us that we will get there," Wilson says.

Yes, Ivan & Alyosha is hopeful. In fact, before every show, the band chants "1, 2, 3, the Garden" as in New York City's Madison Square Garden.

"It's good to remind yourself that people are there, they paid to see you, so don't give them a half-assed show and always look to the future," Wilson says.

"Madison Square Garden is the goal. We're not afraid to have some ambition."

Details

Ivan & Alyosha play the Pyramid Cabaret on Tuesday, April 30. American singer-songwriter Jay Nash opens. Tickets are $10 at Music Trader, Into the Music and northerntickets.com. Showtime is 9 p.m.

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They're not playing Kat and Mau5

Wedding plans. Tattoo artist Kat Von D reveals that she and producer Deadmau5 are 'deep' into their wedding planning

Tattoo artist Kat Von D is getting ready to marry Deadmau5. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Renowned tattoo artist Kat Von D has had a string of much-publicized relationship woes, from a divorce to fellow inker Oliver Peck to a breakup with Motley Crue bassist Nikki Sixx and two failed engagements with reality TV star Jesse James.

But these days Von D says she's happily engaged to her "best friend," Canadian electronic music artist Deadmau5 (Joel Zimmerman), with whom she shares a matching tattoo — a series of numbers and letters that's on her collarbone and his forearm and is their "inside secret."

During a recent stop in Toronto to promote her newly released third book, Go Big Or Go Home: Taking Risks in Life, Love, and Tattooing, the former LA Ink star said the two are "deep into the wedding planning" for their nuptials in Los Angeles, where she lives.

They're also making music together, both for their own side project and for her debut album, which she said is being produced by rocker Danny Lohner and has tunes co-written by hitmaker Linda Perry.

Being with the mouse-masked DJ gives her the same excitement she felt when she was 14 and first started tattooing, gushed Von D (short for von Drachenberg).

"I remember I didn't know what I was doing at all and I just did it, and it was so natural and so perfect and I loved it, and all I could think about was, 'When will I do it again?' And being with Joel is the only thing that's ever exceeded how organic that feels," she said in an interview at HarperCollins Canada.

"So it's like, it makes sense. There's no work in it," added the raven-haired Von D, who made headlines when she began dating James just months after his split from actress Sandra Bullock.

Von D and Zimmerman, a Grammy-nominated dance producer who grew up in Niagara Falls, Ont., revealed their engagement last December via Twitter.

The social media site is also where they first declared they were in love (in late September), where they announced they'd briefly broken up (less than a month later), and where Zimmerman later proposed.

"I can't wait for Christmas so.... Katherine Von Drachenberg, will you marry me?" he wrote while also posting a photo of a custom-made ring of two skulls surrounding a diamond.

"Everybody was giving us so much slack for that because like, 'Oh, it's so non-romantic and disconnected,' and we're like, 'No, you don't get it, it's an inside joke,'" said Von D.

Von D said they were in the same house in Los Angeles at the time of the proposal.

She was downstairs, having just arrived home from work, and he shouted from upstairs: "Kat, check your Twitter."

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Will you tweet me?

"Everybody was giving us so much slack for that because like, 'Oh, it's so non-romantic and disconnected.'"

Kat Von D
Talking about how Deadmau5 proposed

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

The one love for Justin and Selena?

Do Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez's make-out sessions during their reunion in Europe this week mean that the couple is back together? Maybe, maybe not, according to Us Weekly. "They have a crazy connection," a source close to Bieber says, but "they aren't back together."

Another source says it's anyone's guess: "Who knows with them? They're always back and forth." If they are in fact back together, Bieber can take the credit, according to a Gomez pal: "Justin pursued Selena and she gave in," the source says.

The Word

Sean Lowe is like a virgin, but not really

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The Bachelor is a virgin no longer.

Nothing makes me roll my eyes harder than the phrase "born again virgin" unless it's a celebrity proclaiming, "We're going to be married forever!" As it turns out, Sean Lowe, who was known as the Virgin Bachelor on this season of The Bachelor for his insistence of not fornicating (again) until marriage, won't be sacrificed to the gods anytime soon. Two sources confirm in the new issue of Life & Style that Sean did in fact sleep with his fiancée, Catherine Giudici, while the show was still airing. "Yes, they definitely had sex," a "Bachelor insider" reveals exclusively to Life & Style. "The first time was the night he proposed in Thailand."

A second source close to Catherine confirms the flings, saying, "Sean and Catherine have hooked up already. The whole born-again-virgin thing is a bunch of B.S. It's just something he made up for the show."

Wait. A network made up something on a reality TV show in order to get ratings? Stop blowing my mind!

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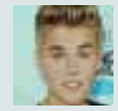

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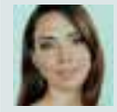

@WhitneyCummings
Stop making your nicknames longer than your actual name. Talking to you, Joe Joe.

@AmandaBynes
Dear @UsWeekly — I don't know why u feel the need to make up stories about me. I don't talk to light fixtures.

Reese Witherspoon

Witherspoon's arrest not the end of the world, according to pal Chelsea

Everyone needs to calm down about Reese Witherspoon's disorderly conduct arrest, at least according to pal Chelsea Handler. "She's doing fine. She's doing fine, you know?" Handler tells Entertainment Tonight. "She was just trying to protect her husband. I mean, everybody makes mistakes, so it's not a big deal." Witherspoon's arrest came after she allegedly argued with an Atlanta-area police officer who had pulled over her husband, Jim Toth, for allegedly driving while intoxicated.

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KE$HA

Pop's queen of chaos lets us in on her messy makeup tips, her music and her new MTV documentary.

STOP. SPARKLE. ROLL.

You're about to go on tour with Pitbull. How do you keep on top of your beauty regimen on the road?
I could go for two days without a shower, but I always take care of my skin and my face. The rest of my life is chaos, but I'm pretty religious about that. I cleanse and moisturize all the time because I'm prone to having dry skin. I've also started putting a tiny, pea size amount of retinol in my night cream. It supposedly helps your skin exfoliate constantly.

In your song TiK ToK, you sing about brushing your teeth with a bottle of Jack. Are you the type to fall asleep with your makeup on?
Whisky isn't necessarily my first choice when it comes to dental hygiene. I always wash my face. Sometimes I just leave the eyes because I like my makeup better the next morning, it looks naturally wild. It creates this sexy, smoky eye that I don't know how to create myself. It looks great.

Speaking of eyes, you seem to have a thing for glitter.
I cover myself in glitter! I pour it on the ground, lay in it and roll around. Then my glitter roadie sprinkles it all over me. His job is to make sure every inch of my body is covered.

Is he a makeup artist?
No, he just has a beard.

Your hair. The waves, the cornrows, it must be high maintenance.
My hair is a constant battle. It's like the fifth member of my band. I have to keep it healthy. But it's a struggle when I'm bleaching and styling it constantly. So I sleep in Kérastase Deep Conditioner, Bumble and Bumble Mending Conditioner or Moroccan Oil. When I don't have someone plucking and prodding my head, I tie it up in a messy bun.

You recently wrapped up filming your MTV documentary, Ke$ha: My Crazy Beautiful Life. Did you keep on a full face of makeup throughout filming?
It's ridiculous … you'll see me with no makeup, no hair, no nothing. I'm running around without a bra on, looking so disheveled.

A lot of tabloids have made a big deal about your recent weight loss. Has fame changed you, physically?
Of course. I have to be stricter with myself than I ever was before. When I train for my tour, it's like I'm training for an athletic event. Every morning when I wake up, I try to meditate and get in the right mental headspace in order to kick ass. With my first record, I didn't realize how many eyes would be on me. This time around I'm prepared.

ROMINA MCGUINNESS, METRO WORLD NEWS

Inside Ke$ha's makeup bag

Clarisonic Mia Sonic Skin Cleansing System

"This brush has changed my face. I use it twice a day with a glycolic cleanser."
$119, clarisonic.com.

Josie Maran Argan Oil

"After I've washed my face, I follow with this argan oil. It makes your face glow. But I don't go too crazy, I just mix in a couple of drops with whatever moisturizer."
$48 josiemarancosmetics.com.

Benefit Benetint Rose-Tinted Lip & Cheek Stain

"I love a shimmer or a stain. This one is amazing."
$30, benefitcosmetics.com.

Benefit BADgal Lash Mascara

"When I'm just doing my day to day stuff I like to keep it light and let my skin breathe. I use an eyelash curler and this mascara, which makes my lashes look really thick."
$15, benefitcosmetics.com.

Urban Decay Heavy Metal Glitter Eyeliner

"I'm the glitter queen, so I like to have some in my purse. I've even started making my own. One thing I like to keep in my bag, in case I'm not coming home before I go out, is glitter eyeliner in either gold, silver, pink or turquoise."
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At the Trump Hotel for the @sharpmagazine big bash with editor in chief Jeremy Freed.

The Kit

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Tisha
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Age: 26

What she's wearing
Boots from Urban Outfitters, Le Chateau tights, Vintage skirt and coat, American Apparel turtle neck, Chosen Vintage hat.

Her inspiration
Fashion from old films like The Good, the Bad and the Ugly and Casablanca (I'd say I am more like Humphrey Bogart than Ingrid Bergman)!

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Nicola, minus the meat

Fueled by fashion.
Ex-Mugler designer signs on to Diesel after style-world speculation

The man behind Lady Gaga's meat dress is set to hit commercial street. Nicola Formichetti was confirmed this month as Diesel's first artistic director.

The collaboration follows much speculation amongst fashion press and industry insiders about his next move after it was announced that he'd be leaving Thierry Mugler.

Renzo Rosso, the owner of holding group OTB SpA, which operates Diesel, quipped to WWD, "I finally met somebody as crazy as I am. I have replaced myself and can go on vacation."

Jokes aside, what this means is that the stylist-turned-designer will be responsible for "a total view of the Diesel brand: product, communications, marketing and interior things, different things," adds Rosso.

"Different" is certainly something that the 35-year-old has down pat. Remember Gaga arriving in an alien-esque egg at the 2011 Grammy's? It begs the question as to whether the singer will be making a staged appearance at the Diesel shows like she did during Formichetti's two-year tenure at Thierry Mugler.

Our first glimpse of Formichetti's vision will come in September with the launch of Diesel's ad campaign. Sadly, we'll have to wait until autumn /winter 2014 to see the Tokyo-born designer's first collection.
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Lady Gaga and Nicola Formichetti snuggle up in Gaga's Workshop at Barneys New York in 2011. Formichetti is best known for creating some of Gaga's most memorable costumes. JAMIE MCCARTHY/GETTY IMAGES FOR BARNEYS NEW YORK

Fashion flash

Best foot forward

The easiest way to integrate a little spring into your daily uniform right now is with your footwear. We suggest starting with these graphic Clarks, designed by Eley Kishimoto. They'll feel really good as you pound the pavement during the last dregs of winter, but they'll also look cute with denim cut-offs come summer. See the entire collection, in a range of colours, at eleykish-imoto.com.
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Trends Report

- **Circle contact lenses have become trendy for a lot of women in Asia, used to make their eyes appear larger and brighter.** Go online to Trends Report to see how these lenses can alter one's appearance. But is this a good thing? metronews.ca/voices/trends-report

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Thrill your style-conscious butler

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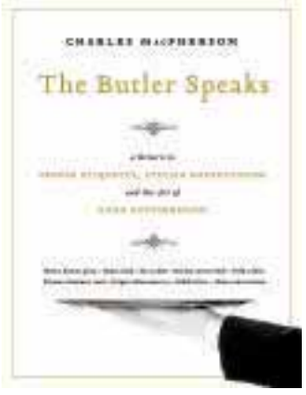
As a fan of Downton Abbey, I have fallen in love with those larger-than-life homes portrayed on the show. I may not ever get to live in one, but one can dream, can't he? But since I got a hold of The Butler Speaks (by Charles MacPherson, Random House) I've also taken on a whole new appreciation for the folks that live in the lower level of those big mansions. Knowing how to domestically survive in today's busy world is one of the most important things we can achieve. A well-run household (no matter how big or small) ensures a clean, orderly and, ultimately, stylish space. Here are a few basics to turn you into the perfect home butler. I think Charles The Butler would agree.

The Butler Speaks

This is everything you never paid attention to while living at home: stylish entertaining, etiquette and the art of good housekeeping. Read this book and you will become the chicest domestic expert around. Written by Canada's domestic authority and world renown butler, Charles MacPherson. $30, randomhouse.ca



Suck it up and get cleaning

This vacuum may be small, but it has the performance of a full-size machine, and is perfect for small spaces that still need a good cleaning once in a while. Its two-tier cyclone system helps to capture microscopic dust, mold and spores for the perfectly clean home. Dyson's DC51 Animal Upright, $550, futureshop.ca

Silver glove service

Made of heavy-gage terry and treated with tarnish preventative, this glove makes polishing precious metals a breeze. Grannies' treasures never looked so good in such little time. Hagerty Silver Cleaning Gloves, $20/pair, hagertycanada.ca

Tray chic in bed

Wanna serve breakfast in bed? Then do it right with a sturdy-handled tray made of renewable bamboo. Its folding legs make it convenient for storage. Natural Living Bamboo Breakfast Tray, $25, sears.ca

Steam perfect

From tablecloths to cotton shirts, a compact steamer will keep most fabric items around the house looking smooth. Every stylish walk-in has one, so why shouldn't you? Rowenta Pro Compact Steamer, $70, sears.ca

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Make your space feel like a home with tips from the Cousins on Call

The cousins. The HGTV hosts give six tips before you begin your renovation

When a renovation is too much to handle, when there isn't enough time to finish a project or when a big surprise needs to be pulled off with the perfect design, it's time to call in the cousins. Anthony Carrino and John Colaneri are the cousins and best friends behind Brunelleschi Construction.

This spring they're getting out of the kitchen and taking on bigger projects with tighter timelines and higher stakes in the new series Cousins on Call, airing Mondays at 10 p.m. ET/PT on HGTV Canada.

Personal items

Take any personal items you can fit into the design. We've taken old pieces of furniture and redone them with a different stain or colour. It's a quick and economical way to use your old style with a new flair.

Wood floors

For a total change, sand and stain your wood floors. You'll see a complete transformation. People are leaning toward darker stains for a more contemporary look now versus natural wood. It can be a big update that costs less than a renovation.

Think of lighting

Pendants or chandeliers are a great way to give your space a different look — whether it be contemporary, traditional or ornate. It's an easy fix to update outdated fixtures with today's design esthetic, which can transform a room.

Backsplash

A backsplash is the most economical way to get bang for your buck if you're happy with your cabinetry.

The next step would be countertops.

Planning

Plan out your design before you get started. Understand your budget.

Pick one piece that will be the focal point and build out from there to ensure continuity and that all of the elements in your finished space will speak to each other.

10–15 per cent contingency

Nine times out of 10 you will always go over budget with projects in your home, so you shouldn't be shocked if that happens. Especially in renovations — there are things you can't see behind the walls that could need more work to bring up to code.

John Colaneri and Anthony Carrino, formerly of Kitchen Cousins, are taking on bigger projects on HGTV's Cousins on Call. HANDOUT

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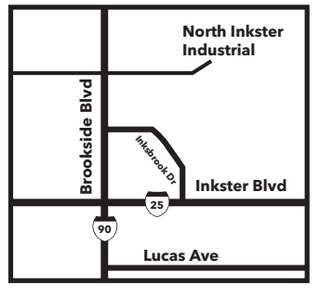

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Rhubarb balances sweetness in pork

An import from England, rhubarb was known in 19th century America as "the pie plant" because that was where it usually ended up. But rhubarb's acidity makes it a great addition to savoury dishes, too.

On the shelf in your grocery store, rhubarb looks a lot like celery, except that it's usually a fetching reddish-purple in colour. It comes in long, slender stalks, with strings running from top to bottom. To eliminate the toughness of the strings, some cooks peel their rhubarb before cooking. You can deal with the issue by thinly slicing the stalks across the grain of the strings.

Given its high water content, turning rhubarb into a sauce requires little more than cooking it. It breaks down quickly and becomes nice and thick. In this recipe, it needed some counter-balancing sweetness, so adding a splash of fresh orange juice does the trick.

As for the cut of pork on which we ladle this sauce, go with the tenderloin instead of its neighbour, the loin. Both are lean, but they call it the tenderloin, after all, for a reason. However, this isn't to say it won't turn out tough and dry if you overcook it, so be sure to keep your eye on the cooking time.

Pork Tenderloin Medallions with Rhubarb-Orange Sauce

This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 2 pork tenderloins, trimmed of fat
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 2 cups thinly sliced rhubarb
- 2 tsp sugar
- 2 tbsp minced shallot
- 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- 1 cup orange juice
- 2 tsp water
- 1 tsp cornstarch
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard
- Chopped fresh chives, to garnish

1. Trim off thin end piece of each tenderloin, cutting off about 3-inch section. Slice remaining portion of each tenderloin crosswise into 3/4-inch rounds. You should end up with about 18 pieces, including 2 thin sections cut from the ends. Season pork on all sides with salt and pepper.

2. In skillet over medium-high, heat 1 tablespoon of oil. Working in batches, add pork to skillet. Cook, turning to brown on all sides, for about 4 to 5 minutes, or until the pork is just pink at the centre (about 145 F). Transfer the pork to a plate, cover with foil and let it rest while you prepare the sauce.

3. Return skillet to heat and add remaining tablespoon of oil, rhubarb and sugar. Sauté 2 minutes. Add shallots and garlic and cook, stirring, for another minute. Add the orange juice and simmer for 2 minutes.

4. In bowl, whisk water and cornstarch, then add to simmering broth in stream, whisking. Return sauce to boil, then whisk in mustard and any juices that have collected on the plate from the pork.

5. To serve, divide pork between 6 plates, then top with some sauce. Garnish with chives. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ SARA MOULTON, AUTHOR OF SARA MOULTON'S EVERYDAY FAMILY DINNERS

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Dinner. Hoisin-Glazed Ham with Cabbage Slaw

This recipe is ideal for large gatherings as it serves 24. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

For the ham
- 10- to 12-lb bone-in ham
- 9.4-oz jar hoisin sauce
- 1 1/2 tsp five-spice powder
- 1 tsp red pepper flakes
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 2 tbsp grated fresh ginger

For the slaw
- 1 head Napa cabbage, thinly sliced
- 1 bunch scallions, trimmed and sliced
- 6 oz snow peas
- 2 tbsp rice vinegar
- 2 tbsp canola oil
- 1 tbsp grated fresh ginger
- 1 tbsp sugar
- Salt and pepper

1. Heat oven to 300 F. Fit roasting pan with a roasting rack.

2. Set ham on rack, then slice hash pattern over entire surface, cutting about 1/2 inch deep. Roast for 1 hour.

3. In bowl whisk hoisin, five-spice powder, red pepper flakes, garlic powder and ginger. Once ham has roasted 1 hour, brush half of glaze over surface of ham, being sure to get some of glaze down into checked slice marks. Roast another hour, then brush the ham with the remaining glaze.

4. Continue roasting, monitoring temperature and colour. Cook until ham reaches 160 F at centre, about another 2 hours. If outside of ham begins to get too dark, tent with foil. Remove ham from oven and let it rest for 15 minutes.

5. While ham bakes, prepare slaw. In bowl, combine Napa cabbage, scallions and snow peas. Cover with plastic wrap, then refrigerate until ready to serve. When ready, in bowl whisk rice vinegar, oil, ginger, sugar and salt and pepper. Toss slaw with the dressing just before serving.

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NHL

Hurricanes make home finale a family affair

The Carolina Hurricanes are going Staal in for the home finale.

They added their third Staal brother on Wednesday when right-winger Jared Staal was called up from their AHL affiliate in Charlotte. He joins older brothers Eric and Jordan Staal on the roster.

"The more, the merrier," Eric, the team captain, said after practice Wednesday.

Jared is scheduled to make his NHL debut Thursday night against the New York Rangers — brother Marc Staal's team.

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NHL

Top defender Karlsson travels with Sens to D.C.

Ottawa Senators head coach Paul MacLean said defenceman Erik Karlsson will join the team on its trip to Washington for Thursday's game against the Capitals but no decision has been made on when he might return to action.

The star blue-liner has been out of the lineup since suffering a serious injury to his Achilles tendon on Feb. 13. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Blue Jays leave Baltimore with one win in series

The Toronto Blue Jays bashed four home runs, then scored the decisive run without taking a swing.

Jim Johnson walked Maicer Izturis with the bases loaded in the 11th inning, and the Blue Jays beat the Orioles 6-5 Wednesday to avert a three-game sweep and end Baltimore's run of extra-inning victories at 17.

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Jays catcher J.P. Arencibia celebrates after hitting his eighth homer of the season on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

Sitting a point outside the playoffs with one game left, forward Blake Wheeler says the Jets now have to leave their best on the ice "and cross our fingers and that's the best we can do." RICHARD WOLOWICZ/GETTY IMAGES

Fingers crossed: Jets' outlook dire

NHL. Despite impressive 6-1-1 late-season push, Winnipeg is counting on other teams to falter in order to sneak into playoffs

For most of the regular season, the Winnipeg Jets looked like a pretty good bet to make the playoffs.

Now their playoff hopes are slim at best entering Thursday's must-win game against the Montreal Canadiens.

The Jets fell back in the Eastern Conference standings after a five-game slide started in late March. That forced a mad rush over the past couple of weeks to catch up to the teams ahead of them.

Winnipeg has posted an impressive 6-1-1 record in its last eight games, but the odds are still not in their favour.

"Had every team in front of us not won every single game, we might be talking about a different situation here," forward Blake Wheeler said Wednesday after practice.

For the Jets to get in, Winnipeg (24-20-3) must beat the visiting Habs and hope the Ottawa Senators or New York Rangers lose their remaining games.

Wheeler said the Jets have to give it all they've got in their last game of the regular season.

"We've certainly left it all on the ice up to this point and we're going to do that (Thursday) night and cross our fingers and that's the best we can do," he said.

Winnipeg coach Claude Noel said his team has matured since last season but his players still need to get their goal differential into positive territory.

"That's not because we don't want to get there, it's because we're not able to right now, whether that's partially special teams or partially personnel," he said.

Wheeler said his teammates can hold their heads up for the way they have battled back to close out the season with at least a chance of making the playoffs.

"There's going to be ups and downs in any season," he said. "We had our ups and we had our downs. It's true that we set ourselves behind the eight ball but with that said, what we've done down the stretch is what I'm going to choose to focus on."

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Northeast on the line

Next two 'pretty huge' for Canadiens

The Montreal Canadiens have already secured a playoff berth but have struggled down the stretch. The Habs have lost five of their last six and don't want to go into the playoffs in a slump.

They're also tied with Boston for their Northeast Division lead and the Bruins have a game in hand.

"I don't think it's a switch that you want to turn on and off," Montreal defenceman P.K. Subban said after practice on Wednesday. "These next two games are going to be pretty huge for us to build our confidence and get in the right frame."

Coach Michel Therrien worked his players hard Wednesday at the MTS Centre.

"We need to play with more intensity, we all know, especially when we start the game," Therrien said.

"We did it for the most part of the season — establish the tone of the game — and we've got to get back to those good habits."

4 SPORTS

Consistent game-changer missing from Jets lineup

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The Jets' loss to the Capitals on Tuesday ensured they would not win the Southeast Division. NICK WASS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With one game left on the schedule Thursday and sitting one point out of the playoffs, the Winnipeg Jets have handed off their post-season destiny to the Ottawa Senators and New York Rangers. It didn't have to be this way. The Jets could have put themselves in a better position and maintained control of their own future. But if the likely scenario plays out and Winnipeg ends up at No. 9, it will be their inability to fight through at the most important junctures that did them in.

One month ago, Winnipeg was in a good spot. After beating Carolina on March 26, the Jets led the Southeast Division by six points and were the sixth-best team in the East, five points clear of the No. 9 Islanders. Washington was already streaking, but even with that charge in mind, Manitoba's playoff chances looked to be in the clear.

But then the crippling losing streak happened. Losses to Pittsburgh, Carolina, the Rangers, Islanders and Montreal — all in a row — sucked them back to the pack. Now they were tied with Washington on the morning of April 5 and were one point back of eighth-place New Jersey.

The best teams and the best players don't always win, but they find a way to stop losing. In baseball, the pitching staff's ace will have a bad start here and there and lose a handful of games over the season, but what makes him special is that, when his team is on a losing streak, he's usually the guy who puts together a gem to end it. The Jets didn't find an answer quick enough to keep them in a comfortable position. Even when they fought back, they still couldn't find a win when it mattered most. A key loss on April 20 to the Isles kept them from moving back into the top eight and Tuesday's loss in Washington was the final nail. And when they didn't fight until the bitter end, Washington pounced.

Now, the Jets could still land in the playoffs, but even then they'd only get there on extremely good fortune and someone else's missed opportunity.

Of the post-season race teams, only Toronto and the Isles have fewer total games of playoff experience on their roster than the Jets. One of those teams has a goalie who's been incredible and the other has an MVP-calibre scorer. If you don't have the experience, you need something to help get you over these humps and the Jets never did.

The future is still bright, but the ending to this season showed Winnipeg is still a work in progress.

Thunder open up 2-0 lead

Small forward Kevin Durant puts up a shot over Chandler Parsons of the Houston Rockets during the Thunder's 105-102 victory over the Rockets on Wednesday night in Oklahoma City. Durant scored 29 points as the Thunder built a 2-0 lead in the first-round series. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

NBA

George has Pacers rolling in series vs. Hawks

Paul George followed his triple-double by scoring a playoff career-high 27 points to lead Indiana past Atlanta 113-98 on Wednesday night.

The Pacers lead the best-of-seven first-round series 2-0. It's the first time Indiana has held a 2-0 series lead since the 2004 Eastern Conference semi-finals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Curling

Martin on lookout for new third

Kevin Martin and John Morris are going their separate ways after seven years.

The two curlers released a statement on Wednesday night saying Morris was leaving Martin's rink, which includes second Marc Kennedy and lead Ben Hebert.

The team also won a gold medal for Canada at the 2010 Winter Olympics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tennis

Raonic in fine form at Barcelona Open

Canadian Milos Raonic cruised to the third round of the Barcelona Open on Wednesday with a straight-sets win over Eduardo Roger-Vasselin of France.

Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., needed just 70 minutes for the 6-4, 6-2 win.

The No. 13-ranked Raonic will face qualifier Ernests Gulbis of Latvia in the third round. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS MILWAUKEE (8)

(Miami leads 2-0)
Tuesday's result
Miami 98 Milwaukee 86
Thursday's game
Miami at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.

NEW YORK (2) VS BOSTON (7)

(New York leads 2-0)
Tuesday's result
New York 87 Boston 71
Friday's game
New York at Boston, 8 p.m.

INDIANA (3) VS ATLANTA (6)

(Indiana leads 2-0)
Wednesday's result
Indiana 113 Atlanta 98

BROOKLYN (4) VS CHICAGO (5)

(Series tied 1-1)
Thursday's game
Brooklyn at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

OKLAHOMA CITY (1) VS HOUSTON (8)

(Oklahoma City leads 2-0)
Wednesday's result
Oklahoma City 105 Houston 102

SAN ANTONIO (1) VS L.A. LAKERS (7)

(San Antonio leads 1-0)
Wednesday's result
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio

DENVER (3) VS GOLDEN STATE (6)

(Series tied 1-1)
Tuesday's result
Golden State 131 Denver 117
Friday's game
Denver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

L.A. CLIPPERS (4) VS MEMPHIS (5)

(L.A. leads 2-0)
Thursday's game
L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
dx-Pittsburgh	46	35	11	0	0	155	113	70
dx-Boston	45	27	13	2	3	125	102	59
dx-Washington	46	26	18	2	0	145	126	54
x-Montreal	46	27	14	3	2	141	123	59
x-Toronto	46	25	16	0	5	140	129	55
x-NY Islanders	46	24	16	4	2	137	135	54
Ottawa	45	23	16	2	4	109	99	52
NY Rangers	46	24	18	0	4	122	109	52
Winnipeg	47	24	20	0	3	126	140	51
New Jersey	46	18	18	3	7	109	123	46
Buffalo	47	20	21	2	4	123	142	46
Philadelphia	46	21	22	1	2	129	139	45
Carolina	46	19	24	2	1	122	148	41
Tampa Bay	46	18	24	1	3	145	143	40
Florida	46	14	26	5	1	107	164	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
dx-Chicago	45	34	6	0	5	147	97	73
dx-Anaheim	46	29	11	3	3	134	112	64
dx-Vancouver	46	26	13	1	6	124	111	59
x-San Jose	46	25	14	3	4	121	111	57
x-Los Angeles	47	26	16	1	4	130	116	57
x-St. Louis	46	27	17	1	1	122	113	56
Minnesota	46	25	18	1	2	118	120	53
Detroit	46	22	16	3	5	116	113	52
Columbus	46	22	17	3	4	114	117	51
Dallas	46	22	20	3	1	129	136	48
Phoenix	45	19	18	3	5	114	122	46
Calgary	46	19	23	1	3	126	153	42
Edmonton	45	17	21	4	3	111	127	41
Nashville	46	16	21	3	6	108	131	41
Colorado	46	15	24	5	2	110	145	37

x - clinched playoff berth; y - division; z - conference.

Wednesday's results
Tampa Bay 5 Toronto 2
Detroit 3 Los Angeles 1
Chicago at Edmonton
San Jose at Phoenix
Thursday's games
All times Eastern
Ottawa at Washington, 7 p.m.
NY Rangers at Carolina, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Calgary at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	14	7	.667	—
Baltimore	12	9	.571	2
New York	11	9	.550	2½
Tampa Bay	10	11	.476	4
Toronto	**9**	**13**	**.409**	**5½**

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	10	7	.588	—
Minnesota	9	8	.529	1
Detroit	9	9	.500	1½
Cleveland	8	11	.421	3
Chicago	8	12	.400	3½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	13	7	.650	—
Oakland	13	9	.591	1
Los Angeles	8	11	.421	4½
Seattle	8	15	.348	6½
Houston	7	14	.333	6½

Wednesday's results
Toronto 6 Baltimore 5 (11 inn.)
Tampa Bay 3 N.Y. Yankees 0
Chicago White Sox 3 Cleveland 2
Houston 10 Seattle 3
Boston 6 Oakland 5
Kansas City at Detroit
Texas at L.A. Angels
Tuesday's results
Baltimore 4 **Toronto 3**
Oakland 13 Boston 0 (7 inn.)
Minnesota 4-5 Miami 3-8
Houston 3 Seattle 2
L.A. Angels 5 Texas 4 (11 inn.)
N.Y. Yankees 4 Tampa Bay 3
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, ppd.
Kansas City at Detroit, ppd.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's results
Cincinnati 1 Chicago Cubs 0
St. Louis 4 Washington 2
Arizona 3 San Francisco 2 (10 inn.)
Colorado 6 Atlanta 5 (12 inn.)
Pittsburgh 5 Philadelphia 3
L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets
Milwaukee at San Diego

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You won't miss a thing that goes on today and every piece of information will be filed away for future use. Knowledge is power and you can never have too much of it. You won't abuse it though, right?

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may not know what you have done to deserve so much good fortune but you would be a fool not to make use of it. Someone will try to make you feel guilty about it today. Don't let them.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Resist the urge to point out others' faults and failings today. Keep your opinions to yourself and keep facts and figures that could cause relationship problems to yourself as well.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You may wish you were some place else than where you are right now but you can still have a lot of fun. Make an effort to enjoy yourself over the next 24 hours — and bring joy to other people as well.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
What you discover about a loved one today may come as a bit of a shock but the signs have been there for ages. You may not agree with what they are doing but give them your support anyway.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
There is no point clinging to an outdated way of doing things and if you think you can, the lunar eclipse will make things tough for you.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If you want people to support what you are going to be doing then you must explain to them, in as simple language as possible, what it's all about.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today's lunar eclipse in your sign could cause a bit of trouble, but only if you allow your emotions to carry you away. Whatever happens, be it "good" or be it "bad", treat it all as part of the game.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It's not like you to let fear hold you back but for some reason unable to move forward or back. This troubling phase will pass. You'll soon be back to your cheerful self.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Friendships are under good stars at the moment but there is a danger today that a small misunderstanding could grow into something much bigger. Whatever you see or hear, don't take it too seriously.

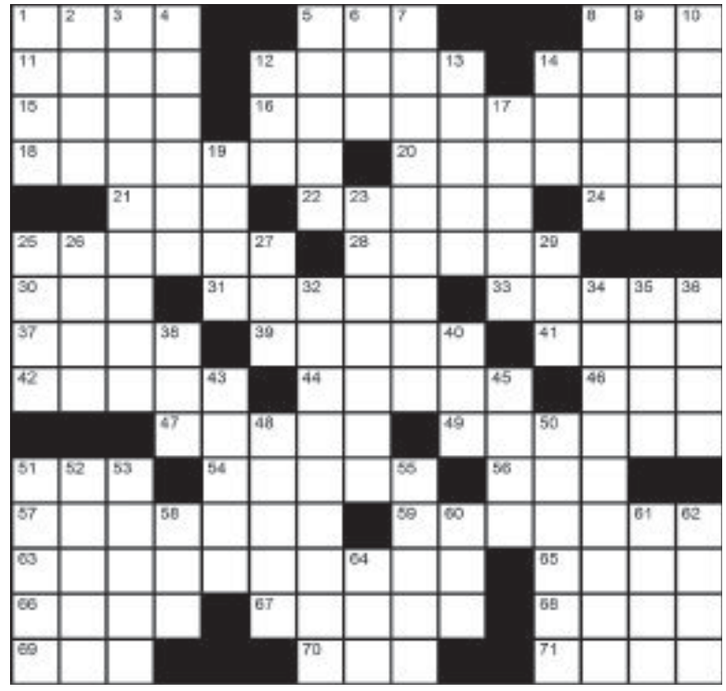
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today's rather intense cosmic activity means the changes now taking place may not be entirely to your liking. That's too bad. You won't be able to change them back, so why not just go along for the ride?

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
There is so much information coming your way now that it threatens to drown you in facts and figures that all point in different directions. Follow your instincts. They're seldom wrong. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

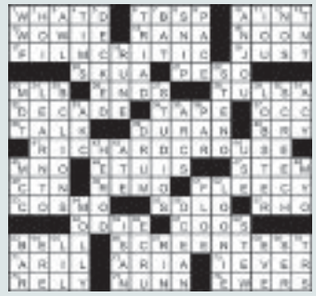
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Experiment-conducting spots
5. Jam container
8. __ Jones
11. Wings, to Nero
12. Belonging to Italy's capital
14. "...__ _ ring on it." - Beyonce
15. Assist
16. "I Will Give You Everything" band
18. Say again
20. Edmonton-born politician Mr. Manning
21. Summer mo.
22. Rent again
24. 'Comp' completer (Be 'green')
25. Gymnastics 'Horse'
28. "Quo __?" (Latin: Where are you going?)
30. Television alien
31. Mr. Studdard
33. Shore sights
37. "_ __ it!" (Yay me!)
39. Remedies
41. Dorothy's dog
42. Mr. Hough, pro dancer on "Dancing with the Stars"
44. Heads: French
46. "Platoon" (1986) war, for short
47. "The __ of Life"
49. The Arctic __
51. "What __ _, chopped liver?"
54. W. __ Wilson (Canadian entrepreneur who is part owner of the NHL's Nashville Predators)
56. Sixth music syllable, variantly
57. Paint coating
59. Quaker product
63. North __ (Birthplace of #54-Across)
65. __-dieu (Furniture piece for praying)
66. X-Men character, __ the Untouchable
67. Butterfingers
68. Earth goddess in Richard Wagner's opera Das Rheingold
69. Docs
70. Calendar spans

Down
1. Bert of "The Wizard of Oz" (1939)
2. Sailing side
3. Provincial tree of New Brunswick: 2 wds.
4. Deviated __ (Nose [abbr.]
71. Pair
5. Batman foe, The __
6. Songstress Ms. Grant
7. Mars, The __: 2 wds.
8. "__ unforeseen circumstances...": 2 wds.
9. Others: Spanish
10. "That __ so bad afterall."
12. Alphabet trio
13. Begot
14. Some movie ratings
17. Comprehend: 2 wds.
19. New-__
23. Highest mount
25. Taken-care-of bill
26. Word with Ye
27. Director, Jean-__ Godard
29. Use a chair
32. Monarch __
34. Canadian hockey commentator: 2 wds.
35. And others, briefly: 2 wds.
36. A few
38. Rapper, Mos __
40. Dry, as wine
43. Afghanistan capital
45. Sediment
48. Fish __ Provincial Park, AB
50. __ up (Made stronger)
51. Beatles' White __
52. __ __ Pa (Some parents)
53. Rhythmical stress
55. Wrongdoings, in law
58. Liq. amounts
60. Woodworking tool [var. sp.]
61. Egypt-themed opera
62. Starring role
64. Particular pronoun

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

		3	7	9		4		
		6						5
1			5			9	6	
	3	4		6	5			
			1	2		3	8	
	9	7			3			8
8						2		
		1		8	4	5		

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	6	9	4	2	7	5	3	8
2	4	5	3	8	9	6	7	1
3	7	8	1	5	6	9	2	4
6	5	3	2	7	1	8	4	9
8	2	1	9	4	5	7	6	3
4	9	7	8	6	3	2	1	5
9	8	4	6	3	2	1	5	7
5	1	2	7	9	4	3	8	6
7	3	6	5	1	8	4	9	2

Weather

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAX: 6° MIN: -10°	MAX: 17° MIN: 3°	MAX: 16° MIN: 4°

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